## **HOUSE JOINT RESOLUTION 681**

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A RESOLUTION to honor and commend Micky Lawson for his years of exemplary service to the Fayetteville Public Utilities Board.

WHEREAS, from time to time, the members of this General Assembly honor those exemplary public servants who have contributed significantly to the growth and prosperity of their respective communities; and

WHEREAS, one individual who is most deserving of our special recognition is Micky Lawson, a man who has adeptly served on the Fayetteville Public Utilities Board since 1999; and

WHEREAS, a forty-four-year resident of Lincoln County, Mr. Lawson earned his degree from Middle Tennessee State University; and

WHEREAS, a man with a long history of service to Fayetteville, Micky Lawson served on the Fayetteville Gas System Board beginning in October of 1999; he worked assiduously in this capacity until the Fayetteville Gas System and the Fayetteville Water and Sewer System merged to form the Fayetteville Public Utilities (FPU); and

WHEREAS, when this merger was complete, Mr. Lawson was appointed as a member of the FPU Advisory Board; because of his outstanding service on the board, he was appointed as a voting member of the FPU Board in July of 2003; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Lawson completed the National Rural Electric Cooperative Association's Credentialed Cooperative Director program in March of 2005; and

WHEREAS, only two years later, in July of 2007, Micky Lawson was elected as Vice Chairman of the FPU Board, a position he filled with the utmost skill and attention until June of 2009; and

WHEREAS, a qualified leader by any standard, he was appointed to the American Public Gas Association's Public Gas Policy Council, effective January 1, 2008; Mr. Lawson served the Public Gas Policy Council until June of 2009; and

WHEREAS, in addition to his significant contributions to the Fayetteville Public Utilities

Board, Micky Lawson has given of his leadership abilities as a volunteer with a number of civic

and community organizations; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Lawson served on the Tennessee Elk River Development Board for twelve years; the Lincoln County Chamber of Commerce Board for two years; the Main Street Board for three years; and the Lincoln County Election Commission for a total of ten years; the current Secretary of the Election Commission, he further served his community as an Alderman for five years; and

WHEREAS, his many professional and public accomplishments aside, Micky Lawson is thankful for the love and support of his wife, Anita, and his daughter, Camille Strong; and

WHEREAS, Micky Lawson is a man of impeccable morals and irreproachable integrity, and he has worked with purpose and conviction to establish a brighter future for the good people of Fayetteville; and

WHEREAS, this General Assembly finds it appropriate to acknowledge and applaud this illustrious gentleman for his dedication to Lincoln County, the State of Tennessee, and his fellow citizens; now, therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE ONE HUNDRED SIXTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE, THE SENATE CONCURRING, that we hereby honor and commend Micky Lawson for his years of devoted and industrious service to the Fayetteville Public Utilities Board, commend him for a lifetime of achievement, and extend to him our best wishes for every success in all his future endeavors.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that an appropriate copy of this resolution be prepared for presentation with this final clause omitted from such copy.

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